

Minutes of Sub-Committee of the Licensing Committee

Meeting Date: Friday, 8 March 2024, starting at 10.00 am
Present: Councillor I Brown (Chair)

Councillors:

S Brunskill

S O'Rourke

In attendance: Solicitor, Administration Assistant (Licencing) and Taxi Enforcement Officer

733 WELCOME

734 APOLOGIES AND RE-CONSTITUTION OF THE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

There were no apologies for absence.

735 DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY, OTHER REGISTRABLE AND NON REGISTRABLE INTERESTS

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary, other registrable and non-registrable interests.

736 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

That by virtue of the next item of business being exempt information under paragraph 1 of part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 that press and public be now excluded from the meeting.

737 LICENSING HEARING - TAXI

On 23 February 2024, the Sub-Committee had previously considered a report from the Head of Legal and Democratic Services requesting that they determine whether a private hire driver remained a fit and proper person to hold a private hire driver's licence. The Sub-Committee had decided that it was appropriate to adjourn the hearing to enable further information to be obtained from the operator.

The evidence had been obtained, and the driver attended the hearing and responded to questions and gave verbal submissions to the Sub-Committee.

The Sub-Committee, having taken account of all the submissions, oral and written, the Council's Infringement Scheme and the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 concluded that it was appropriate to impose a sanction on the Driver. Having reviewed their powers, including possible revocation or suspension of the driver's private hire licence, the Sub-committee determined that it was appropriate to extend the normal 2-year duration of the infringement points by another year so that the 12 infringement points remained valid until 2 January 2027 (3 years from the date of imposition of the points).

The meeting closed at 10.13 am

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